

STATE OF ISRAEL

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Veterinary Services and Animal Health, P.O.B 12, Beit-Dagan, 50250.

July 7, 2002

Mrs Sally Stratmoen
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U.S.A.

Dear Mrs Stratmoen,

Re.: Audit of Israel's Poultry Inspection System February 26, 2002

Further to your letter dated June 17, 2002, kindly note the following:

1. Species Verification Test:

- a. Official request for exemption from species verification testing was mailed to Dr. J.C. Prucha by March 20, 2002. Attached is a copy of this request
- b. Species verification testing program has been re-instituted immediately after the Exit meeting with Dr. J. Giesentanner at 17 March 2002.

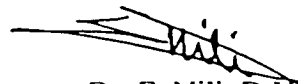
2. Est. 018

I hereby certify that all HACCP deficiencies noted in Establishment 018 by Dr. Giesentanner has been fully corrected and preventive steps have been taken to prevent its recurrence.

3. Correction of deficiencies

Kindly note that all deficiencies identified by Dr. J. Giesentanner during his audit of our inspection system has been fully corrected.

Sincerely yours,



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